

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (amended): An infant carrier for carrying an infant by an individual, said infant carrier comprising:

a harness having two apertures and a back support for supporting the infant within the harness;

a near shoulder strap affixed to and extending from a top perimeter portion of said harness, said near shoulder strap supported by the first shoulder of the individual;

said near shoulder strap being adjustable in length to provide an adjustment means for properly positioning the infant in the carrier; and

a far shoulder strap affixed to said harness, said far shoulder strap supported by the second shoulder of the individual;

the infant being supported along on the hip of the individual and by said near shoulder strap upon the first shoulder and said far shoulder strap upon the second shoulder.

Claim 2 (currently amended): The infant carrier of claim 1 wherein said near shoulder strap includes a first adjusting means for adjusting the length of said near shoulder strap to adjust the vertical positioning of the infant in relation to the individual to provide proper placement of the infant on the hip of the individual.

Claim 3 (original): The infant carrier of claim 2 wherein said first adjusting means is accessible by the individual while carrying the infant.

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Claim 4 (currently amended): The infant carrier of claim 3 wherein said first adjusting means ~~is located on a section of said near shoulder strap resting upon a chest region of the individual~~ of said near shoulder strap adjusts the position of the infant within the harness.

Claim 5 (currently amended): The infant carrier of claim ~~4~~ 4 wherein ~~said near shoulder strap includes a padded area for placement on the first shoulder of the individual~~ the first adjusting means includes means for adjusting the height of the harness in relation to the back of the infant.

Claim 6 (original): The infant carrier of claim 1 wherein said far shoulder strap includes a second adjusting means for adjusting the length of said far shoulder strap.

Claim 7 (original): The infant carrier of claim 6 wherein the second adjusting means is accessible by the individual while carrying the infant.

Claim 8 (original): The infant carrier of claim 7 wherein the second adjusting means is located on an outside surface of said harness.

Claim 9 (original): The infant carrier of claim 1 wherein said far shoulder strap includes a widened area for placement and cupping on the second shoulder of the individual.

Claim 10 (original): The infant carrier of claim 1 wherein the infant's legs are position in the apertures and the back of the infant lies against the back support.

Claim 11 (original): The infant carrier of claim 1 further comprising means for attaching the infant carrier to a front seat of a shopping cart.

Claim 12 (amended): The infant carrier of claim 11 wherein the means for attaching the infant carrier to the front seat includes a connectable piece of material affixed to the near shoulder strap.

Claim 13 (original): The infant carrier of claim 1 wherein said far shoulder strap includes a front section resting against the chest of the individual and a back section resting against a back section of the individual.

Claim 14 (amended): An infant carrier for carrying an infant, said infant carrier comprising:
an individual having shoulders;
a harness having two apertures and a back support for supporting the infant within said harness;
a near shoulder strap affixed to and extending from a top perimeter portion of said harness, said near shoulder strap supported by the first shoulder of the individual;
said near shoulder strap being adjustable in length to provide an adjustment means for properly position the infant in the carrier; and
a far shoulder strap affixed to said harness, said far shoulder strap supported by the second shoulder of said individual;
the infant being supported ~~along~~ on the hip of said individual and by said near shoulder strap upon the first shoulder and said far shoulder strap upon the second shoulder.

Claim 15 (currently amended): The infant carrier of claim 14 wherein said near shoulder strap is adjustable in length to adjust the vertical positioning of the infant in relation to the individual to provide proper placement of the infant on the hip of the individual.

Claim 16 (original): The infant carrier of claim 14 wherein said far shoulder strap is adjustable in length.

Claim 17 (original): The infant carrier of claim 16 wherein said far shoulder strap is adjustable while the infant is in said harness.

Claim 18 (currently amended): The infant carrier of claim 14 wherein ~~the infant's legs are positioned through the apertures and the back of the infant lies against the back support~~ said first adjusting means of said near shoulder strap adjusts the position of the infant within the harness.

Claim 19 (currently amended): The infant carrier of claim ~~14~~ 18 wherein ~~said far shoulder strap includes a front section resting against the chest of said individual and a back section resting against a back section of said individual~~ the first adjusting means includes means for adjusting the height of the harness in relation to the back of the infant.

Claim 20 (currently amended): An infant carrier for carrying an infant by an individual, said infant carrier comprising:

a harness having two apertures and a back support for supporting the infant within the harness;

a near shoulder strap affixed to and extending from a top perimeter portion of said harness and supported by the first shoulder of the individual, ~~said near shoulder strap adjustable in length;~~
said near shoulder strap being adjustable in length to provide an adjustment means to provide proper placement of the infant on the hip of the individual and for adjusting the height of the harness in relation to the back of the infant; and

a far shoulder strap affixed to said harness and supported by the second shoulder of the individual, said far shoulder strap being adjustable in length by the individual while carrying the infant;

said far shoulder strap having a frontal section resting upon the chest region of the individual and a back region resting on a back region of the individual;

the infant being supported ~~along~~ on the hip of the individual and by said near shoulder strap

upon the first shoulder and said far shoulder strap upon the second shoulder.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS